

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, STATE OF LOUISIANA,
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY, MARCH 28, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Natchitoches met in legal and regular session at the Natchitoches Council Chambers, 716 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana on Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

There were present:

Mayor Ronnie Williams
Councilman Eddie Harrington
Councilman Dale Nielsen
Councilwoman Rosemary Elie
Councilman Christopher Petite

Guest: John Winston, Past President, NPVCL

Absent: Petite

Mayor Ronnie Williams called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone for coming. Councilman Petite led the invocation and Councilman Nielsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Williams then called for the reading and approval of the minutes for the March 14, 2022 meeting. Councilwoman at Large Smith moved that we dispense with the reading of the minutes and approval of same. Seconded by Councilman Nielsen.

A roll call vote was as follows:

Ayes:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington
Nays:	None
Absent:	Petite
Abstain:	None

Special Recognition to Mr. John Winston for years of service to the Natchitoches community as Past Present of Natchitoches Parish Voters Civic League.

Cedric Floyd provided a presentation on Redistricting in the City of Natchitoches.

following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 013 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE DECLARING CERTAIN BUILDINGS UNSAFE
AND RECOMMENDING THAT SAME BE DEMOLISHED OR PUT INTO
REPAIR TO COMPLY WITH THE BUILDING CODE, AUTHORIZING
NOTICE TO BE SERVED, FIXING HEARING DATE AND APPOINTING
CURATOR TO REPRESENT ABSENTEES**

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning & Zoning and City Building Inspector have filed written reports with the City Council declaring that the buildings listed below are in a dangerous and unsanitary condition which makes them unsafe and endangering the public welfare, and recommending that said buildings be demolished or put in repair to comply with the Building Code, to-wit:

1. Sterling Bank
Clayton Branch
50 S. Bemiston Avenue
Clayton, MO 63105

Lot 91.3 Feet front West side 2nd St., bounded N by Martin, ET AL, W. Duplex St. & City property & S by Scarborough & Tauzin, as shown on a plat in CB 257 Pg. 410 & A lot Adjoining the NW Portion of the above described lot have A South line of 129.3 Ft. A West Line of 65.7 Ft., A north Line of 110.5 Ft. and A East Line of 63 Ft. (312 Second St.)

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 014 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR FY 2021 – 2022 PHASE 1 STREET REHABILITATION**

(BID NO. 0641)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.006 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on January 24, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for FY 2021 – 2022 Phase 1 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0641) and;

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, five bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

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| (1) | Williams Equipment Services, LLC
Anacoco, LA | \$1,177,046.23 |
| (2) | Regional Construction, LLC
Natchitoches, LA | \$1,212,112.15 |
| (3) | Skyplex Trucking, LLC
Natchitoches, LA | \$1,237,532.90 |
| (4) | T. L. Construction, LLC
Alexandria, LA | \$1,364,896.05 |
| (5) | Progressive Construction Company, LLC
Alexandria, LA | \$1,424,195.85 |

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022 the appointed committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Donald Forest, Director of Public Works; and Betty Smith, Councilwoman at Large, reviewed the bid proposals for bids for FY 2021 – 2022 Phase 1 Street Rehabilitation (Bid No. 0641) and;

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Williams Equipment Services, LLC** in the amount of **\$1,177,046.23**.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Elie and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 015 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SUPPLIES
(BID NO. 0644)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No.007 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on January 24, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0644); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, January 27, February 3, and February 10, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, one bid proposal was received and opened as follows:

- (6) Dean Nida & Associates, LLC
Sarasota, FL\$34,050.00

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2022 the appointed committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Utility Director and Dale Nielsen, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for Christmas Lighting Supplies (Bid No. 0644); and

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Dean Nida and Associates** in the amount of **\$34,050.00**.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Honorable Ronnie Williams, Jr., Mayor, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign any and all documents necessary for acceptance of this bid.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE #016 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING SECTIONS 6-10: DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR NONCOMMISSIONED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS TO ISSUE MISDEMEANOR SUMMONS AND/OR NOTICES; AND 6-11: NONCOMMISSIONED ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER ENFORCEMENT FOR MISDEMEANOR VIOLATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of residents, citizens, and/or visitors domiciled, residing in or visiting the City of Natchitoches is of paramount importance;

WHEREAS, ensuring police officers are not diverted from road patrol and enforcement of serious crimes by responding to misdemeanor animal control offenses;

WHEREAS, providing noncommissioned Animal Control Officers the authority to issue misdemeanor citations and/or notices for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances will increase law enforcement efficiency and provide for greater protection for the residents, citizens, and visitors to the City of Natchitoches;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Natchitoches, under the authority of the police power of the City of Natchitoches, to create conditions favorable to the health, safety, and welfare of and for the residents, citizens, and visitors to the City of Natchitoches.

BE IT, THEREFORE, RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following: Section 6-10: Delegation of Authority, which will read, as follows:

“Section 6-10 – Delegation of Authority: The City of Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes employees occupying the position of noncommissioned Animal Control Officer the authority to issue misdemeanor citations and/or notices to appear to any person violating any section of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances.”

BE IT, FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Natchitoches that Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches's Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by adding the following: Section 6-11: Limited Police Powers for Noncommissioned Animal Control Officers, which will read, as follows:

“The City of Natchitoches City Council hereby authorizes employees occupying the position of noncommissioned Animal Control Officers the following, limited, police powers:

- a. Issue citations and misdemeanor summonses for the enforcement of any violation of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances, within the City limits of the City of Natchitoches;
- b. Obtain warrants for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances;
- c. Assist City of Natchitoches law enforcement personnel in making arrests for violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances, when requested to do so; and
- d. Submit affidavits to the courts regarding violations of Chapter 6 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall become effective the _____ day of _____ 2022.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington and Seconded by Mr. Petite as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 017 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RESTATING ORDINANCE NO. 12 OF 2022 OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND NATCHITOCHES CFA LLC, WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR COST SHARING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING TRAFFIC AND DRAINAGE, WHICH IMPROVEMENTS WILL SERVE THE PROPOSED RESTAURANT FACILITY AT THE CORNER OF E. 5TH STREET AND HIGHWAY 494, AS WELL AS PROVIDE FOR UPGRADES TO THE EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCOMMODATE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches is specifically authorized under Section 1.06 of the Charter of the City of Natchitoches to provide for the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City of Natchitoches adopted Ordinance No. 12 of 2022 on February 28, 2022 (the “**Prior Ordinance**”) authorizing the City to enter into the Agreement (defined below); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Prior Ordinance identified the party entering into the Agreement with the City as “Chick-fil-A, Inc.,” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the correct party to the Agreement is Natchitoches CFA LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company (sometimes hereinafter “**Chick-fil-A**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to amend and restate the Prior Ordinance in its entirety to reflect the correct names of the parties thereto; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Chick-fil-A plans to construct a new restaurant facility to be located at the corner of E. 5th Street and Louisiana Highway 494 (sometimes hereinafter “**Project**”) in an area within the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, in order to meet the traffic and drainage needs of the Project, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (“**LADOTD**”) is requiring Chick-fil-A extend or upgrade existing City infrastructure, including upgrades or extensions of roadways and underwater detention and drainage to mitigate any stormwater impact (the “**Site Development**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Chick-fil-A has requested in writing that the City assist in sharing the costs of construction of the Site Development; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has ascertained that the Site Development is a non-negotiable requirement of the LADOTD that will increase the costs of the Project substantially for Chick-fil-A; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Chick-fil-A have agreed in principle to share the cost of construction of the Site Development to the mutual benefits of the parties; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has determined that the future sales tax revenues and jobs created by the Project ensure it will receive greater or equal value than it expends pursuant to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Chick-fil-A, Inc.” (sometimes hereinafter “**Agreement**”) provides for cost sharing between the parties for the Site Development; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City, the City has the right, power, and authority to promote, protect, and preserve the general welfare, safety, health, peace and good order of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “**Governing Authority**”) is of the opinion that the Agreement with Chick-fil-A will promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will further provide for an extension and upgrade of the existing infrastructure of the City; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Governing Authority has determined the City will receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and any and all other documents necessary to complete the transaction in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Prior Ordinance is hereby amended and restated in its entirety by this Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

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NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen and Seconded by Mrs. Smith as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 019 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSAL OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY IN ACCORDANCE WITH LA.R.S. 47:2201, ET SEQ. (DISPOSAL OF ADJUDICATED PROPERTY)

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana (sometimes hereinafter referred to as “City”) is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana being a Home Rule Charter municipality created pursuant to the Constitution and Revised Statutes of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches desires to establish a procedure for the sale and donation of adjudicated property pursuant to La. R.S. 47:2201, et seq.,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Natchitoches in due, legal and regular session convened, that Article IX-Disposal of Adjudicated Property Sections 2-127 through 2-140 of the City of Natchitoches Code of Ordinances are adopted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-127. - Sale or donation of interest in Adjudicated Property

Upon authorization by the City Council of Natchitoches, the Mayor or his/her designee is authorized to execute deeds for the sale of the City's interest in property that has been adjudicated to the City and the procedure for the sale provided in R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has been followed, including but not limited to giving notice to persons who have an interest in the property.

Sec. 2-128. Procedure for sale of tax title to Adjudicated Property.

A. Any person interested in purchasing tax title to adjudicated property may apply to the Mayor or his/her designee as follows:

- (1) Submit an application containing the following information:
 - a. Name of applicant;
 - b. Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
 - c. Description of property for which the tax title to sought to be acquired, including:
 - i. Legal description
 - ii. Assessor’s geographical number
- (2) Pay the estimated expenses of the sale, including but not limited to advertising and other costs associated with the sale.

B. Upon authorization and the setting of a price and/or bid amount in accordance with La. R.S. 17:2201, et seq. by the City Council of Natchitoches, the Mayor or his/her designee will notify the applicant and proceed as follows:

(1) Set the public sale for a specific date and time not less than 45 days from notice to the applicant.

(2) Advertise the public sale twice in the official journal of the City of Natchitoches as follows:

a. Once at least thirty days prior to the date of the public sale;

b. Once no more than seven days prior to the date of the public sale; and

c. The advertisement shall provide for the minimum bid, the latest date and time that written bids will be accepted, the mandatory use of the prescribed adjudicated property bid form, the time and date of in-person bidding and any other terms of the sale.

(2) Establish and provide an adjudicated property bid form for use by bidders.

(3) Receive until the date and time of the public sale the sealed bids as provided in Paragraph D below. The Mayor or his/her designee shall give a written receipt for any hand-delivered sealed bid that is received no later than the date, and time set in the notice.

(4) On the date and time set in the notice, open and publicly read aloud the sealed bids.

(5) Announce the high bid that contains or meets all the published requirements, including but not limited to payment by certified funds of the bid and any estimated expenses of the sale.

(6) Promptly deposit all funds received from all bidders. Refunds shall be issued in a reasonable time to all bidders other than the successful bidder.

C. Any person desiring to submit a bid for purchase of tax title to Adjudicated Property as provided above shall:

(1) Submit in a sealed envelope a completed and signed adjudicated property bid form and certified funds (cashier's check or money order) for the amount of the bid and estimated expenses of the sale (except for the original applicant who only shall include the amount of the bid).

(2) Write on the outside of the sealed envelope the name, address, telephone number of the bidder, and the Assessor's geo. number for the subject property. The amount of the bid shall not be written on the outside of the envelope. Any sealed envelope on which the amount of the bid is written or otherwise indicated shall be returned to the bidder unopened.

(3) Deliver the sealed envelope by hand, mail, commercial courier, or other means to the City of Natchitoches, Office of the Mayor at the address provided on the adjudicated property bid form by the date and time in the published notice. Bidders are responsible for the timely submission of their bids. Submissions received after that date and time shall be returned unopened to the address on the outside of the envelope.

D. The Mayor or his/her designee shall deliver to the high bidder a packet containing the required forms, deadlines, and other requirements for completion of the purchase of

the tax title to adjudicated property. The high bidder shall comply with the requirements of La.R.S. 47:2206-7. If a given property requires six months' notice under La.R.S. 47:2206, the high bidder shall have 240 days from the date of the bid opening to complete the process required by La.R.S. 47:2207. If a given property requires 60 days' notice under La.R.S. 47:2206, the high bidder shall have 120 days from the date of the bid opening to complete the process required by La.R.S. 47:2207. Failure of a high bidder to timely complete the process after notice will constitute abandonment of the process. Abandonment of the process will result in forfeit of the funds held by the City and in the property being eligible for purchase in a subsequent process.

Sec.2-129. - Application fee for the Donation or Sale of Adjudicated Property

(a) The City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the collection of an application fee in the amount of \$300 for the donation of adjudicated property.

(b) The City of Natchitoches does hereby authorize the collection of an application fee in the amount of \$300 for the sale of adjudicated property through its regular process which results in the transfer of a tax title.

(c) \$100 of the aforesaid fee shall be made available to the Mayor or his/her designee to publicize the adjudicated property program to the citizens of the City of Natchitoches.

Sec. 2-130. - Definitions.

(a) *Applicant* means a person or organization who applies to acquire property from the City under the provisions of this article.

(b) *Adjudicated property* means property which has been adjudicated to the City by the Natchitoches Tax Commission, tax collector under the provisions of R.S. 48(47):2196.

(c) Property means for the purpose of this article property which has been adjudicated under R.S. 47:2196 to the City of Natchitoches by the Natchitoches Tax Commission, tax collector for the City.

Sec. 2-131.- Agreement; Adjudicated Property not subject to an Existing Request for Sale.

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to purchase the property for the appraised value plus all adjudication costs incurred by the Natchitoches Tax Commission at the time of the City of Natchitoches Property Tax Sale. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the City of Natchitoches which equals the obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

Sec. 2-132. – Agreement; Donation; Adjudicated Property not subject to an Existing Request for Sale

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to acquire property by donation. The applicant shall deposit a non-refundable amount to be determined by the City to be sufficient to cover the expenses of the sale including advertising, appraisals, and other costs associated with the donation.

Sec. 2-133. - Appraisal.

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Mayor or his/her designee shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and selling under R.S. 33:4712.

Sec. 2-134. - Review.

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the Mayor or his designee shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

Sec. 2-135. - Application to acquire by donation.

Any person interested in acquiring property from the City under this article shall submit an application to the city containing the following information:

- (1) Name of applicant;
- (2) Address, telephone number, and email address for applicant;
- (3) Verification of status as a not-for-profit entity including proof of qualification under IRC 501(c)(3), if applicable.
- (4) Description of properties sought to be acquired (including correct street address and legal description);

Sec. 2-136. - Review.

On receipt of an application which complies with the preceding section, the department of public works shall:

- (1) Review the application for accuracy and sufficiency;
- (2) Determine if the property has been adjudicated to the City and is not subject to an existing request for sale; and
- (3) Prepare an estimate of the costs of obtaining full ownership under R.S. 47:2236 and donating under R.S. 33:4712.

Sec. 2-137. - Agreement.

Following notification that the property is adjudicated and not subject to an existing request for sale, the applicant shall execute an agreement to acquire property by donation. The applicant shall pay a non-refundable deposit to the City which equals the estimate of costs

under R.S. 47:2236 and selling under R.S. 33:4712. If the applicant proposes to include the properties in an affordable rental housing program, the agreement will include the applicant's agreement to a payment in lieu of taxes equal to 40 percent of the amount of ad valorem taxes which would have been assessed on the property were the property to be owned by a for profit entity.

Sec. 2-138. - Acquisition of full ownership by the city.

On receipt of a signed agreement and non-refundable deposit from the applicant, the city shall initiate the process of acquiring full ownership for the City under R.S. 47:2236.

Sec. 2-139. - Donation of full ownership by the city.

On completion of the process under Section 2-135 et seq. and R.S. 47:2236, the City will initiate the process of donating the property to the applicant under R.S. 33:4712. Any property acquired by the City under this article shall be deemed surplus and not required for a public purpose. The City will transfer ownership of the property to the applicant on successful completion of the process under this section. Should the tax debtor or anyone else redeem the property under R.S. 47:2246, the City will return to the applicant any portion of the estimated costs under R.S. 47:2236 which are paid by the tax debtor under R.S. 47:2246.

Sec. 2-140. - Sale of interest in Adjudicated Property to Adjoining Landowner.

Notwithstanding any other provisions applicable to the adjudication of property, the following procedures shall apply to the sale of the City's interest in properties which have been adjudicated to the city for non-payment of taxes, when application is made by an adjoining landowner for a sale under this division:

(1) The mayor is authorized to execute deeds for the sale to an adjoining landowner of the City's interest in an adjudicated property when the following conditions have been met:

- a. The applicant is an adjoining landowner who has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with this article for a period of one year;
- b. To apply for the sale of an adjudicated property under this section, the owner of the adjoining property must produce no fewer than three sworn affidavits attesting to the adjoining landowner's maintenance of the adjudicated property. One affidavit must be attested to by the adjoining landowner. The other affidavits shall be from owners or lessees of the property in the immediate vicinity of the adjudicated property. The affidavits must state that the adjoining landowner has maintained the adjudicated property in accordance with the provisions of subsection a. The affidavit of the owner or lessee of the property in the immediate vicinity of the adjudicated property must also contain a statement that the owner or lessee has been in possession for a period of at least one year of the property owned by the owner or leased by the lessee;
- c. The procedure for the sale provided in R.S. 47:2201 et seq. has been followed, including but not limited to giving notice to persons who have an interest in the property.

(2) For purposes of this section only, the following words or phrases shall have the following meanings:

Adjoining landowners are any owners of adjoining property to the adjudicated property that is the subject of sale under this chapter.

Adjoining property shall be the parcels of land sharing contiguous boundaries with the adjudicated property that is the subject of the sale.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and shall apply to any application or sale that is initiated after the effective date of this ordinance. Any application or sale pending on the effective date of this ordinance shall continue under pre- existing procedures and authority.

WHEREAS, this proposed ordinance shall be read by title and published in full or by title. This proposed ordinance shall not be considered for final passage until it has laid over at least seven (7) days from its publication and unless a public hearing has been held on the ordinance. This Ordinance was presented for a vote, and the vote was recorded as follows:

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The above Ordinance having been duly advertised in accordance with law and public hearing had on same, was put to a vote by the Mayor and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

A motion to **REMOVE** ordinance no. 020 of 2022 was made by Mrs. Smith which was seconded by Mrs. Elie, the motion to REMOVE was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams Jr., declared the Ordinance **Removed** by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

ORDINANCE NO. 020 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, APPROVING THAT INSTRUMENT TITLED COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, INC., WHICH AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR THE ASSIGNMENT OF LEASE PAYMENTS RECEIVED BY THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES FROM THE UNITED STATES PARKS DEPARTMENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECURING AND PAYING REVENUE BONDS TO BE ISSUED BY THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BOARD OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA, INC.; PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SAID AGREEMENT, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR. TO EXECUTE SAME.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS, the City has entered into a lease agreement (the “**Lease**”) with the United States Parks Department which will provide for the renovation of a long-standing City property to house the operation of a museum within the City (the “**Project**”); and

WHEREAS, Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc. (“**IDB**”) is a municipal development board organized pursuant to Section 1151 et seq. of Title 51 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the IDB exists, in part, to acquire, own, lease, rent, repair, renovate, improve, finance, sell, and dispose of properties to the end that it may be able to attract and retain business and commercial enterprises in the City to maintain and expand employment and the economy in the area (the “**Purposes**”); and

WHEREAS, the IDB has the authority to issue bonds to facilitate the financing of the Project in furtherance of its Purposes;; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana provides that “For a public purpose, the state and its political subdivisions...may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual;” and

WHEREAS, the City desires to cooperate with the IDB in the implementation of the Project via the issuance of revenue bonds by the IDB to be secured by and payable from the revenues generated by the Lease; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement entitled “Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Natchitoches and Industrial Development Board of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, Inc.” (sometimes hereinafter “**Agreement**”) provides for the assignment of revenues from the Lease to the IDB in exchange for the IDB’s issuance of revenue bonds to facilitate the financing of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the City has the authority to enter into this Agreement under the general law and the Home Rule Charter of the City, as evidenced by its governmental purpose of expanding employment and the economy in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the City (the “**Governing Authority**”) is of the opinion that the Agreement will promote tourism and expand employment and the economy in the City and Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana, and will further provide for the renovation of an existing City property; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Governing Authority has determined the City will receive greater or equal value in return for any expenditures required under the Agreement; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby authorizes the execution of the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the Mayor is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, and any and all other documents necessary to complete the transaction in the name of and on behalf of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

The following Ordinance was **TABLED** by Mrs. Smith and Seconded by Mr. Nielsen as follows, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 021 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF POWER AND ENERGY BETWEEN CLECO POWER LLC AND THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE POWER SUPPLY AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches operates a municipal electric utility for the purpose of providing electric power to its residential, governmental, commercial and industrial customers; and

WHEREAS, the City provides transmission, and distribution services within and without the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City and CLECO Power, LLC, have negotiated the Power Supply Agreement, which said agreement has been reviewed and approved by the City, and said agreement is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that the said Power Supply Agreement is in the best interest of the City and further agrees that the Power Supply Agreement should be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened, that the said Power Supply Agreement for Sale of Power and Energy Between CLECO Power LLC and the City of Natchitoches be and the same is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized and empowered to represent the City of Natchitoches and to execute said Agreement on behalf of the City, a copy of which Power Supply Agreement is hereby attached and made a part of this Ordinance.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., is hereby authorized and empowered to do all other things necessary or proper in the premises to implement and place this Power Supply Agreement in effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that a Public Hearing is hereby fixed for the 28th day of March, 2022, which is the next regularly scheduled City Council Meeting.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 14th day of March, 2022.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on March 14, 2022 and published in the *Natchitoches Times* on March 17, 2022.

Mr. Nielsen made a motion to **TABLE** this ordinance which was seconded by Mrs. Smith, the motion to table was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES:	Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

THEREUPON, Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr., declared the Ordinance **TABLED** by a vote of 5 Ayes to 0 Nays this 28th day of March, 2022.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE

Delivered to the Mayor on the 29th day of March, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mrs. Smith at the March 28, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 022 OF 2022

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY
OF NATCHITOCHES TO AWARD
THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE 750 KVA PAD MOUNT TRANSFORMER**

(BID NO. 0645)

WHEREAS, Resolution No.015 of 2022 was passed by the Natchitoches City Council on February 14, 2022 authorizing the Mayor to advertise for bids for (1) 750 KVA Phase Pad Mount Transformer (Bid No. 0645); and

WHEREAS, this bid was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, February 17, February 24, and March 3, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, three bid proposals were received and opened as follows:

- (7) Wesco Distribution
Lafayette, LA\$32,568.00

- (8) Gresco Utility Supply
Ball, LA.....\$52,520.00

- (9) Stuart C. Irby Co.,
Shreveport, LA.....\$63,064.00

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2022 the appointed committee of Sonya McClellan, Controller; Edd Lee, Director of Purchasing; Matt Anderson, Director of Utilities; and Eddie Harrington, Councilman, reviewed the bid proposals for (1) 750 KVA Phase Pad Mount Transformer (Bid No. 0645)

WHEREAS, the above appointed committee members unanimously recommend the City award the bid to the lowest bidder **Wesco Distribution, Lafayette, LA** in the amount of **\$32,568.00**.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Harrington at the March 28, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 023 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE HANGER LOCATED ON LOT 3 OF THE NATCHITOCHES REGIONAL AIRPORT TO MARC MILLICAN, FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF FORTY-ONE THOUSAND AND THREE DOLLARS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A BILL OF SALE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY FOR THE CONVEYANCE OF THE HANGER AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY AND PROPER, TO PROVIDE FOR ADVERTISING, AND A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of that certain hanger, and other improvements, located on a lot in the Natchitoches Regional Airport, which said lot is more fully described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport with physical address of 506 Airport Road, Natchitoches, Louisiana, located and situated in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

(Said hanger and other improvements sometimes hereinafter referred to as “Hanger on Lot 3”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Hanger on Lot 3 was acquired by Marc J. Millican and Kevin Alan McGregor from Williams S. Kingrey, III by Bill of Sale dated April 27, 2007, and Marc J. Millican conveyed his one-half interest in the Hanger on Lot 3 to Foster/Berry by instrument filed February 11, 2019 at Conveyance Book 727, page 24 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, and the City of Natchitoches (*sometimes hereinafter “City”*) acquired the interest of Foster/Berry by instrument dated September 27, 2021; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City, acquired the one-half interest of Kevin Alan McGregor in Hanger on Lot 3 by act of Donation recorded October 19, 2017, at Conveyance Book 715, page 890 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, a Request for Proposals for the purchase of the hanger was advertised in the *Natchitoches Times* on, February 17, and February 23, 2022 in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, two responses to the request for proposals (No. 0290) were received and opened as follows:

- (10) Marc Millican
Anchorage, AK\$41,003.00

- (11)Dean Lemoine
Natchitoches, LA\$28,150.00

WHEREAS FURTHER, Marc Millican, (*sometimes hereinafter “Millican”*) has offered to purchase the Hanger on Lot 3 from the City for the sum and price of \$41,003.00, and the City of Natchitoches is interested in conveying the Hanger on Lot 3 to Millican for the offered price; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 to Millican so that it may use the property for its intended use for an aeronautic related purpose; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has obtained an appraisal of the Hanger on Lot 3 from Dranquet's Appraisal Service, which said appraisal is dated December 1, 2021, and which reflects a market value of \$24,000.00, which amount is equal to the purchase price; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City and Millican have agreed to transfer and acquire the Hanger on Lot 3 for the sum of Forty-One Thousand and 3.00/100 (\$41,003.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches has reviewed the proposed transfer and is of the opinion that the conveyance of the Hanger on Lot 3 is in the best interests of the City of Natchitoches and its citizens for the continued development of the Natchitoches Regional Airport; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Mayor and City Council have studied the matter and have concluded that it is in the best interest of the **CITY**, its citizens, and the general public to convey the Hanger on Lot 3; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches desires to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 to Millican for the sum of \$41,003.00; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City Council of the City of Natchitoches is of the opinion that it is in the interest of the City to convey the Hanger on Lot 3 and desires to authorize Mayor Ronnie Williams, Jr. to execute a bill of sale and all associated documents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in regular session convened as follows:

I. That the transfer is approved and the Honorable Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to execute a Bill of Sale on behalf of the City, all in accordance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance, and the said Mayor is hereby given full and complete authority to incorporate in said instrument such terms, conditions, and agreements as may be necessary to protect the interest of the City in substantial compliance with the general terms and conditions set forth in this Ordinance in order to convey the Hanger located on the property described as follows, to-wit:

That certain hanger, and other improvement situated on Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport Plan of April 12, 1994 with physical address of 506 Airport Road, Natchitoches, Louisiana, located and situated in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana.

II. That the Mayor be and he is hereby authorized to have all of the necessary legal documents and instruments prepared at once and that this transaction be closed as soon as this Ordinance is final.

III. That if any part of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, by a Court of competent Jurisdiction, such decision shall not effect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the invalidity shall be limited to that specific portion so declared to be invalid.

IV. That this Ordinance be conditioned upon the approval of a simultaneously filed ordinance authorizing the approval of the Lease of Lot 3 to Marc Millican.

V. That this Ordinance shall go into effect immediately after publication according to law.

VII. That all Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

VIII. That this Ordinance be advertised in accordance with law.

IX. That this Ordinance be declared **INTRODUCED** at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on this the 28th day of March, 2022, and that a public hearing be called for at the next regular meeting of the City Council which will be held on the _____.

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Petite at the March 28, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 024 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES, RONNIE WILLIAMS, TO EXECUTE A LEASE IN FAVOR OF MARC MILLICAN, OF LOT 3 AS SHOWN ON THE AIRPORT LAYOUT PLAN OF APRIL 12, 1994, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ADVERTISING OF THE LEASE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches is the owner of those lots shown on the Airport Layout Plan of April 12, 1994, and more particularly is the owner of Lot 3 as shown and depicted on the Layout Plan; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport was leased by the City of Natchitoches to William S. Kingrey, III, by lease dated March 4, 2009, and as assigned by William S. Kingrey, III to Marc J. Millican and Kevin McGregor by instrument dated April 13, 2009 (sometimes hereinafter “Kingrey Lease”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, all of the rights of Kevin McGregor in and to the Kingrey Lease, and in and to the hanger located on Lot 3 of the Natchitoches Regional Airport were assigned and donated to the City by instrument recorded at Conveyance Book 1081, page 751 of the records of Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, by Resolution No. 103 of 2017, the City approved the transfer of the interest of Marc J. Millican in and to the Kingrey Lease to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the Kingrey Lease had a ten-year term and said term has expired; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Harold Foster and Laurie Berry requested that the City of Natchitoches enter into a new lease, leasing that property shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Layout Plan to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry, and that lease was approved by the City Council by Ordinance Number 9 of 2019; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the lease to Harold Foster and Laurie Berry was never executed by the parties, and Harold Foster and Laurie Berry have now conveyed all of their interest in and to the hanger located on Lot 3 to the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana, said conveyance approved by the City Council by Ordinance Number 2 of 2020; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City has now been approached by Marc Millican, (sometimes hereinafter “Millican”) who desires to acquire the hanger located on Lot 3 and enter into a lease of Lot 3 from the City of Natchitoches; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the terms of the proposed lease are for a ten (10) year period, with consideration for the 21785.76 square foot lot at ten cents per square foot coming to annual rental of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 57/100(\$2,178.57) Dollars per year, all as set forth in the attached Lease Agreement by and between the City of Natchitoches, and Millican; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the City desires to lease that property shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Layout Plan, under the terms set forth above and more particularly set forth in the lease attached hereto, but conditioned upon the approval of the conveyance of the hanger located on Lot 3 to Marc Millican.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council in legal session convened

as follows:

(1) That after due proceedings and advertisement, the said City does lease that property more fully shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Airport Layout Plan of April 12, 1994, to Marc Millican, for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 57/100(\$2,178.57) Dollars.

(2) That notice of this proposed ordinance be published three (3) times in fifteen (15) days, one (1) week apart, in the Natchitoches Times, the legal journal for the City, and that ordinance be posted in the City Hall.

(3) That any opposition to this ordinance shall be made in writing, filed with the Clerk for the City of Natchitoches within fifteen (15) days after the first publication of this ordinance, and that a public hearing be held after the advertisements have been completed.

(4) That the Mayor, Ronnie Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized, after due proceedings had, and after the legal delays have run, to execute a lease in favor of Marc Millican, leasing that property more fully shown and depicted as Lot 3 on the Airport Layout Plan of April 12, 1994, for the term of ten (10) years, with the annual consideration of Two Thousand One Hundred Seventy-Eight and 57/100(\$2,178.57) Dollars.

(5) That the City Clerk be authorized to advertise this proposed lease in accordance with law, i.e., three times in fifteen days, one week apart and to report to the City Council if any opposition is made in writing prior to the time of final adoption.

(6) That the City takes cognizance of the fact that the property described above is not needed for public purposes by the City.

(7) That this Ordinance be conditioned upon the approval of a simultaneously filed ordinance authorizing the approval of the conveyance of the hanger located on Lot 3 Marc Millican.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ORDINANCE NO. 025

Mrs. Smith made a motion to add Ordinance No. 025 of 2022 to the agenda and seconded by Mr. Nielsen, the motion to add Ordinance No. 025 was presented for a vote and the vote was recorded as follows:

AYES: Elie, Nielsen, Smith, Harrington, Petite
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

The following Ordinance was Introduced by Mr. Nielsen at the March 28, 2022 City Council meeting as follows:

ORDINANCE NO. 025 OF 2022

AN ORDINANCE TO DESIGNATE FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO THE WORKERS WITHIN THE CITY OF NATCHITOCHES EMPLOYED IN CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE SECTORS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City of Natchitoches (sometimes hereinafter referred to as the “**City**”) is a Municipality located in the State of Louisiana, Parish of Natchitoches governed under a Home Rule Charter and a Code of Ordinances adopted by Ordinance No. 5 of 1977; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 1310 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 39:1310) requires that when “there has been a change in operations upon which the original adopted budget was developed, the governing authority shall adopt a budget amendment in an open meeting to reflect such change;” and

WHEREAS FURTHER, Section 2.10 of the Charter of the Home Rule Charter of the City, approved by the charter commission of the city on July 7, 1975 and the voters at the election of November 1, 1975, requires that any appropriation of funds by the City be enacted by an ordinance of the City Council of the City, acting as the governing authority thereof (the “**Governing Authority**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted by the 117th Congress of the United States of America, appropriated Seven hundred ninety-five thousand and nine hundred nineteen dollars and fifty cents (\$795,919.50) to the State of Louisiana, which was then appropriated to the City (the “**ARPA Essential Worker Funding**”) for the purposes of providing compensation to workers in **critical infrastructure sectors who regularly perform in person work, interact with others at work, or physically handle items handled by others** (the “**Essential Worker Compensation**”). Critical infrastructure sectors include healthcare, education and childcare, transportation, sanitation, grocery and food production, and public health and safety, among others as determined by the “chief executive (or equivalent) of a recipient government” as set forth in the Interim Final Rule issued by the Department of the Treasury on May 17, 2021 and further clarified in the Final Rule issued by the Department of the Treasury, effective April 1, 2022 (the “**Critical Infrastructure Sectors**”); and

WHEREAS FURTHER, the workers in Critical Infrastructure Sectors employed within the City, as determined by the Mayor of the City as chief executive, are the proper recipients of the Essential Worker Compensation; and

WHEREAS, this will be the first of two payments for personnel employed as of **February 1, 2022**; and

WHEREAS FURTHER, it is the desire of this Governing Authority to appropriate the Essential Worker Compensation, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the administrative

designee of the Mayor appointed, or to be appointed, with the approval of this Governing Authority (the “**Finance Director**”).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the defined terms in the recitals of this ordinance (the “**Ordinance**”) are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the Natchitoches City Council, in legal and regular session convened, that it hereby appropriates the Essential Worker Compensation, to be expended at the direction of the Mayor or the Finance Director, to workers within the City employed in Critical Infrastructure Sectors, as determined by the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the budget of the City be amended to reflect the receipt of the Essential Worker Compensation and its designation for expenditure by the Mayor or the Finance Director, to the workers within the City employed in Critical Infrastructure Sectors, as determined by the Mayor; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that all Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

Announcements:

- The next scheduled City Council meeting will be Monday, April 11, 2022.
- The offices of the City of Natchitoches will be closed Friday, April 15, 2022 for Good Friday.

With no further discussion, Mayor Williams made a motion for adjournment and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

RONNIE WILLIAMS, JR., MAYOR

BETTY SMITH, MAYOR PRO-TEMPORE